

**MINUTES****North Dakota High School Activities Association  
April 10, 2018, Valley City, ND**

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association held their meeting on April 10, 2018 in Valley City. President Dahlen called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Members present: Carlson, Privratsky, Manley, Dahlen, Jordan, Strand, Sorlie, Stedman,  
Members absent: Baesler, Vollmer, Schafer

Others present: Jim Roaldson, Jamestown Public Schools Athletic Director, Lynn Haugen, Griggs County School Board Vice President and a representative of Griggs County Extra Curricular Committee.

Motion by Jordan to approve the agenda. Second by Privratsky. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Carlson to approve the consent agenda. Second by Manley. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Approval of Consent Agenda

- a) Approval of Minutes
  - i) January 18, 2018
  - ii) February 7, 2018
- b) Financial Report
  - i) Balance sheet
    - (1) January 2018
    - (2) February 2018
- c) Budget
  - i) January 2018
  - ii) February 2018
- d) Savings/investments
  - i) January 2018
  - ii) February 2018
- e) Coop Dissolutions
  - i) Hettinger and Mott-Regent, Hebron and Richardton-Taylor in wrestling, 7-12, 2018-19
  - ii) Lewis & Clark-Berthold and Our Redeemers in football, 7-12, 2019-20
  - iii) Dunseith and Dunseith Day School in football, 7-8, 2019-20
  - iv) Barnes County North, Griggs County Central, and Midkota in football, 7-12, 2019-20
- f) Coop Applications
  - i) Grafton and St. Thomas in boys hockey, 7-12, 2018-19, no fee
  - ii) Grenora and Bainville (MT) in wrestling, 7-12, 2018-19, no fee
  - iii) Grand Forks Public Schools and Larimore in gymnastics, 7-12, 2018-19, no fee
  - iv) New Salem-Almont and Hebron in wrestling, 7-12, 2018-19, no fee
  - v) Williston Trinity Christian and Alexander in girls basketball, 7-12, 2018-19, no fee
  - vi) Jamestown and Barnes County North in gymnastics, 7-12, 2018-19, no fee
  - vii) New Salem-Almont and Sweet Briar in volleyball, 7-8, 2018-19, no fee
  - viii) Wahpeton and Richland in girls swimming, 7-12, 2018-19, no fee
  - ix) Hatton, Northwood, and Larimore in boys cross country, 7-12, 2018-19, late fee
  - x) Hatton, Northwood, and Larimore in girls cross country, 7-12, 2018-19, late fee
  - xi) Dickinson and New England in gymnastics, 7-12, 2018-19, no fee
  - xii) Mandan and Center-Stanton in gymnastics, 7-12, 2018-19, no fee

Andy Dahlen, Executive Board Committee Chair, reported committee action as follows:

1. LaMoure High School reported an individual exceeded the daily quarter limit in boys basketball. Prescribed penalty of the coach sitting out the following game at that level and a letter of reprimand
2. Kulm High School and Lisbon High School reported playing in an out of state junior varsity boys basketball tournament which included a non-member school team. The non-member school signed a contract indicating they were a member high school. No penalty. A letter of reprimand will be sent.

3. Devils Lake High School reported an unapproved broadcast of a region basketball game. Recommended \$200 fee and letter of reprimand.
4. Lewis & Clark - North Shore High School reported use of an ineligible transfer student in a girls varsity indoor track and field meet. The school administration did not inform the coach of the student's status. Prescribed penalty of forfeiture of all points and a letter of reprimand.
5. Acted on late fee waiver requests
  - a) Hatton, Northwood, and Larimore in boys cross country, 7-12, 2018. Request denied.
  - b) Hatton, Northwood, and Larimore in girls cross country, 7-12, 2018-19 – request denied.

Scott Privratsky provided a football committee report including current divisions with recent coop dissolutions. Jim Roaldson met with the football committee to share information requesting Jamestown be placed in the AA Division for the 2019 and 2020 football plan. The Board was reminded of the upcoming plan deadlines for coop dissolutions and coop applications.

Travis Jordan, Tournament Committee Chair, provided the Board with recommendations from the Combined Tournament Committee

The Tournament Committee used three years of data to make the recommendation to place the 2019 State Class B Girls Basketball tournament in the Betty Engelstad Sioux Center at the Ralph Engelstad Arena in Grand Forks. Tournament manager Rerick indicated he did not see any problems with placing the tournament in the Betty Engelstad venue.

Motion by Carlson to approve the Betty Engelstad Sioux Center as the location of the 2018-19 Class B Girls Basketball Tournament. Second by Stedman. Motion approved unanimously.

Recommendation to move 2020 Class A Boys golf tournament from Mandan to Hawk Tree Golf Course in Bismarck.

Recommendation to move 2020-21 State Hockey Tournament to Grand Forks.

Motion by Strand to approve change of sites as recommended. Second by Sorlie. Motion approved unanimously.

#### General Tournament Discussion

- Facility usage day prior to tournaments.
  - Television provider questioned if there was a way to keep a venue from having anything in a facility the day before so they could set up. Fetsch mentioned the only way to avoid prior day conflicts would be to rent the facility the day before a tournament.
- Tournament program advertisement policy review.
  - Recommendation for Board to create a policy for tournament programs to match TV advertising guidelines.

Motion by Strand to change wording for tournament program advertising policy to the same as the television advertising policy. Second by Privratsky. Motion approved unanimously.

- Age of students on team bench.
  - Discussion included creating a Board recommendation to allow only 7-12 grade students on the bench. There was not complete agreement on who would or would not be allowed on the bench. The group questioned whether other personnel and team hosts would be included in the policy. Fetsch will survey other associations for policies. No specific recommendation until further review.
- Fans on court following games
  - Discussion included storming the court at the completion of games. No recommendation at this time.

- Cheerleader regulations
  - There were a handful of mascots at winter tournaments that were adults. NDHSAA regulation indicates mascots are part of the cheer squad and required to be bona-fide students. Topic will be presented at fall administrator meetings.
- Hall of Fame inductions
  - The number of sport specific hall of fame inductions has grown. In 2016/17 there were ten inductees into the wrestling hall of fame plus one NDOA induction. Track & Field Hall of Fame inductions are also approximately ten per year. After discussion, no action taken at this time in hope the sports will self-limit their inductees. NDHSAA staff member Morast will continue to work with advisories.
- Tournament practice site regulation
  - There was a question this year on practice at a tournament site prior to tournament. Current regulations state teams may not practice on the state or regional site once the bracket is set. Recommend changing the regulation wording to “The end of the regular season in Class A or the end of the District Tournament in B.”
- Media update.

Travis Jordan, Tournament Committee Chair, provided recommendations for 2018-19 winter region tournament sites.

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>SITE SELECTED</b>
<b>BASKETBALL - Girls</b>	
Region 1	NDSCS
Region 2	GF Betty
Region 3	Jamestown Civic
Region 4	Devils Lake
Region 5	Mandan
Region 6	Minot Auditorium
Region 7	Dickinson Trinity
Region 8	New Town Event Center
<b>BASKETBALL - Boys &amp; Girls Combined - Class A</b>	
East Region	Fargo
West Region	Bismarck
<b>BASKETBALL - Boys</b>	
Region 1	Scheels Center in the Sanford Health Athletic Complex
Region 2	GF Betty
Region 3	Jamestown Civic
Region 4	Devils Lake
Region 5	Bismarck Legacy
Region 6	Minot State University Dome
Region 7	Dickinson Trinity
Region 8	New Town Event Center
<b>HOCKEY - Boys</b>	
East Region	Grand Forks
West Region	Minot

Motion by Carlson to approve the region sites. Second by Manley. Motion approved unanimously.

Fine Arts Sites as recommended:

<b>Fine Arts Activity</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>
<b>State B Plays</b>	November 23-24, 2020 University of Jamestown	November 22-23, 2021 University of Jamestown
<b>State Debate</b>	February 5-6, 2021 TBD	February 4-5, 2022 TBD
<b>State A Plays</b>	April 12-13, 2021 North Dakota State University	April 4-5, 2022 Lake Region State College

<b>State A Speech</b>	April 17, 2021 Jamestown HS	April 9, 2022 Jamestown HS
<b>State A Music</b>	April 23, 2021 University of Jamestown	April 22, 2022 TBD
<b>State B Speech</b>	April 24, 2021 Mandan HS	April 23, 2022 Mandan HS
<b>State B Music</b>	May 1, 2021 Bismarck State College	May 7, 2022 TBD

Motion by Privratsky to approve the 2020-21 and 2021-22 fine arts sites as presented. Second by Strand. Motion approved unanimously.

Jeff Manley, Realignment Committee Chair, provided the committee's recommendation to place May-Port CG Hockey in the East Region for the 2018-19 season. They will play an independent schedule and take the #10 seed for the 2018-19 East Region tournament.

Motion by Carlson to approve the realignment committee report. Second by Stedman. Motion approved unanimously.

Michael Sorlie, Officials Committee Chair, provided a report concerning an official who made inappropriate comments at a contest. The committee did not allow the individual to officiate at the state tournament.

Motion by Privratsky to approve the officials committee report. Second by Strand. Motion approved unanimously.

Patti Stedman, Promotions and Programs Committee Chair, provided a recommendation to nominate Jim Haussler, former Bismarck Schools Athletic Director with the 2018/19 Distinguished Service Award.

Motion by Sorlie to approve the Promotions and Programs committee report. Second by Manley. Motion approved unanimously.

The Board reviewed the seven-year calendar through 2023-24 with the addition of dates for 2024-25. Motion by Jordan to approve the NDHSAA seven-year calendar including 2024-25 dates. Second by Stedman. Motion approved unanimously.

The Board reviewed a letter from Grand Forks Public Schools AD Mark Rerick requesting the Board waive Article XIV, Section III of the NDHSAA Constitution, which does not allow a student to participate in a similar athletic contest during the high school season of that sport for a Grand Forks Red River High School student to participate in a US Open qualifying golf meet on a date yet to be announced but within the NDHSAA boys' golf season.

Motion by Jordan to approve the Grand Forks Public School request. Second by Sorlie. Motion approved unanimously.

The Board reviewed a request from Grand Forks Public Schools AD, Mark Rerick, concerning a track and field regulation change regarding transfer students. The request would allow track & field unattached/exhibition student athletes to compete at a varsity meet, under specific criteria. Discussion included changing the high jump and pole vault sections. The edited request is as follows:

**Participation Criteria for exhibition athletes in track and field:**

In track and field unattached/exhibition student athletes may compete at a varsity meet, but must meet the following criteria

1. Athlete must be declared as an exhibition competitor to the meet manager prior to competition.

2. The athlete may not score points nor can they qualify for the state meet.
3. The athlete must adhere to the following requirements for said events
  - a. In individual running events of 400 meter or less, exhibition athletes may compete under the following conditions:
    - i. In a heat declared junior varsity or
    - ii. In a heat not designated to consist of the top 16 athletes or a heat not designated as one of the two heats of competitors with fastest seed times.
    - iii. Entered with a seed time of "no time" so as to be last in the performance list.
  - b. In individual running events of 800 meters or greater, exhibition athletes may compete under the following conditions
    - i. In a heat declared junior varsity or
    - ii. In a varsity heat as long as the athlete has been entered in the timing system as exhibition, therefore the athlete will not score nor count in the results.
    - iii. Entered with a seed time of "no time" so as to be last in the performance list.
  - c. In relays, exhibition athletes may only compete on relay teams declared junior varsity and non-scoring.
  - d. In long jump, triple jump, shot put, discus, and javelin; exhibition athletes may compete under the following conditions:
    - i. In a flight declared junior varsity or
    - ii. In a varsity competition with any entry performance of no height or distance, so the athlete is placed last in the performance list, and the athlete may not advance to finals or qualify for additional trials.
  - e. In high jump and pole vault, exhibition athletes may compete under the following conditions:
    - i. In a flight declared as junior varsity
    - ii. In a varsity competition, competitors would be able to complete the entire competition but no placing nor team points awarded.

Motion by Strand to approve the Grand Forks Public School request for participation of exhibition athletes in track & field to be implemented immediately as presented and edited. Second by Jordan. Motion approved unanimously.

Jamestown Public Schools AD Jim Roaldson appeared before the Board to request a Board interpretation of the transfer rule for a student who has been accepted to the United States Senate Page Program in Washington D.C. for the first semester of the 2018-19 academic year. The request of Jamestown Public Schools is to allow the student to remain eligible upon returning to Jamestown Public Schools the second semester of the 2018-19 academic year.

Motion by Privratsky to approve the Jamestown Public School request allowing the student to remain eligible and to add a Q & A to the eligibility section of the NDHSAA Constitution & By-Laws to reflect this. Second by Sorlie. Motion approved unanimously.

The Board reviewed a letter from Griggs County Central Superintendent Meghan Brown and Athletic Director Jay Grover requesting a realignment from Region 2 to Region 3 for volleyball, girls basketball, and boys basketball beginning with the 2019-20 school year. Fetsch indicated requests of this nature are normally referred to the realignment committee for further discussion and review to allow staff to provide the implications concerning realignment.

Motion by Privratsky to refer the request to the realignment committee for review. Second by Manley. Motion approved unanimously.

#### Representative Reports

- Strand indicated there is interest in his area to move Class B girls and boys golf to the fall.
- Carlson said his area would like NDHSAA to provide some guidance to schools concerning television time outs for regular season contests in all sports. Fetsch indicated the NDHSAA staff will be meeting with BEK over the summer to define television time outs and other details of their post-

season contract beginning in 2018/19. Fetsch also indicated that those guidelines can be shared with schools.

- Sorlie brought issues from his area to include:
  - His region is also interested in moving Class B golf to the fall. Schools in his region are planning to make a request to the Board to move Class B girls golf to the fall.
  - He was also interested in the NDHSAA, in some way, honoring Don Hanson from Hoopster Magazine.
  - Coaches from Sorlie's area questioned the reason for television time-outs during broadcasts.
  - Sorlie questioned the length of region speech awards. Fetsch indicated the awards presentations are under local region discretion.
- Dahlen indicated he had a track coach inquire about the ending time of track season. Class A coaches would like to see track & field extended into the summer. Dahlen told his coach the request would have to come through track & field advisory.

Executive Director's Report

- Four hardship/extra semester waiver requests have been processed since the last Board meeting with all being approved.
- NFHS Foundation Grant has been awarded to NDHSAA. This grant pays for NDHSAA Distinguished Student's travel to the Student Leadership Conference in Indianapolis in July.
- NFHS Summer Meeting information was discussed. Four Board members have indicated they will be attending.
- Board retirement supper is set for Monday, June 11, 2018 at 7:00 pm.
- Coaches certification update was provided to the Board
  - Fetsch recommended an Ad-Hoc Committee be formed to meet with the NDHSCA Jordan and Sorlie volunteered to be on the Ad-Hoc Committee.
- Fetsch provided background on Region Fine Arts contest cancellation and the process for state qualification should any region contest be cancelled. There are many music contests this weekend and regions are concerned about the weather forecast. There is a process outlined in fine arts regulations in the event of weather cancellation.
- NDHSAA Staff attended the NDIAAA conference on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Mike McCall, Wahpeton Public Schools Athletic Director, presented a three-class system for volleyball, girls basketball and boys basketball. McCall indicated interest in bringing the plan to the NDHSAA Board for the June meeting.

Next Meeting – Location, Date and Time  
June 11-12, 2018 – Valley City – NDHSAA Office

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda Schell  
Assistant Director

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_